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SUBJECT: ALLIED RESPONSE TO GDR VISA MEASURE:
DRAFT PROTEST TO SOVIETS

REF: BONN 00308

1. ON THE LOCUS AND LEVEL OF THE DELIVERY OF THE
PROTEST, WE FEEL STRONGLY THAT IT SHOULD BE DELIVERED
IN MOSCOW AND AT THE AMBASSADORIAL OR, AS A FALLBACK,
DCM-LEVEL. THE PURPOSE OF THE PROTEST IS NOT ONLY
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TO REGISTER OUR OBJECTIONS TO THE GDR MOVES AND
STATEMENTS. IT IS ALSO TO PUT UP A CLEAR WARNING SIGNAL
TO THE SOVIETS THAT THIS IS A MATTER WHICH THE ALLIES
ARE TAKING SERIOUSLY. BY RAISING THE ISSUE AT
A HIGH LEVEL IN MOSCOW, WE WILL BE DEMONSTRATING OUR
CONCERN ABOUT THE POTENTIAL SERIOUSNESS OF THE GDR EFFORTS
TO ALTER THE STATUS OF EAST BERLIN. WE CANNOT MAKE A

FAIRLY PRO FORMA PROTEST IN BERLIN AND EXPECT THE SOVIETS
TO TAKE IT AS SERIOUSLY AS A HIGH-LEVEL DEMARCHE IN THE

SOVIET CAPITAL. IF WE REALLY WISH TO TRY TO
DETER THE SOVIETS FROM GRANTING THE GDR FURTHER
LATITUDE TO NIBBLE AT THE EDGES OF BERLIN'S STATUS,
THEN OUR PROTEST WILL HAVE TO BE MADE IN A WAY THAT
CLEARLY REGISTERS OUR CONCERN. US REP SHOULD DRAW ON
THE ABOVE IN THE JANUARY 7 BONN GROUP DISCUSSIONS.

2. DEPT. CONSIDERS DRAFT TRANSMITTED REFTEL TO BE
A VAST IMPROVEMENT, AND CAN ACCEPT IT AS IS IF
NECESSARY TO ACHIEVE PROMPT AGREEMENT. HOWEVER, US
REP SHOULD SEEK BONN GROUP AGREEMENT TO FOLLOWING
TWO MINOR MODIFICATIONS WHICH ARE DESIGNED TO AVOID
IMPRESSION THAT WE ARE PROTESTING REMOVAL OF CONTROL

POINTS PER SE:

(A) REPLACE LAST SENTENCE OF PARA 7A WITH FOLLOWING
LANGUAGE DRAWN FROM ALLIED PRESS STATEMENT: "IT
IS CLEAR FROM THAT STATEMENT THAT THE PURPOSE OF THESE
ACTIONS WAS TO GIVE THE IMPRESSION THAT THE
AUTHORITIES OF THE GDR COULD BY UNILATERAL ACTION
INTEGRATE THE EASTERN SECTOR OF BERLIN INTO THE GDR."

(B) PARA 7C SHOULD BE MODIFIED AS FOLLOWS: "THE
UNWARRANTED ASSERTIONS MADE BY THE AUTHORITIES OF THE
GDR AND CERTAIN OF THE MEASURES TAKEN BY THE GDR ARE
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INCONSISTENT WITH THE STATUS OF BERLIN AND THEREFORE
WITH THE QA OF SEPT. 3, 1971,"
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